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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC EAIR PINS  
SUBJ: AVIATION RELATED CRIMES

1. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1978, A LEBANESE NATIONAL, RIAD ABDEL GHANI JAMMAL, WAS ARRESTED BY LEBANESE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. JAMMAL WAS ATTEMPTING TO BOARD A MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES FLIGHT TO PARIS WHILE CARRYING 400 GRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES.

2. DURING A ROUTINE CUSTOMS CHECK AT THE AIRPORT, JAMMAL'S BAGGAGE WAS SEARCHED AND IN TWO PIECES OF HOLD BAGGAGE A TOTAL OF 400 GRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES WAS FOUND, DIVIDED INTO TWO EQUAL PACKAGES OF 200 GRAMS, ONE PACKAGE PER BAG. IT IS UNCLEAR FROM THE GOL/CUSTOMS SOURCE'S INFORMATION WHETHER THE EXPLOSIVES ARE TNT OR PLASTIC, BUT SOURCE WAS CERTAIN THAT EACH PACKAGE CARRIED SOVIET MARKINGS.

3. GOL AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT JAMMAL IS A MEMBER OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST BAATH PARTY, JAMMAL'S PASSPORT CONTAINED AN UNUSED VISA TO EAST GERMANY. ACCORDING TO CUSTOMS SOURCE JAMMAL INDICATED THAT EAST BERLIN WAS HIS FINAL  
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DESTINATION AND SOURCE SPECULATED THAT JAMMAL WAS WORKING FOR SAIQA, PRO-SYRIAN PALESTINIANS.

4. CASE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO MILITARY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND DISPOSITION.  
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